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January 4th, Paris :

(To Jerome.) I see that you propose giving the Fiirst-ensteinproperty, with 40,000 francs a year, to M. Lecaraus. I cannot imagine a more absurd step. Since my reign began I have never ventured on a more arbitrary act. There are more than ten men who have saved my life and to whom I grant pensions of not more than 600 francs. I have Marshals who have won ten battles, who are covered with wounds, and whose reward has been less than what you are giving to M. Lecamus. If M. Lecamus has 40,000 francs a year, what must I give to Marshals Berthier, Lannes, Bernadotte, who have won the throne on which you sit at the price of countless wounds ?

February 2d. (To the Emperor of Russia.) General Savary has just arrived, and I have spent many hours with him, talking about Your Majesty.

An army of 50,000 men, made up of Russians, of French, perhaps even with a few Austrians, marching by way of Constantinople on India, would no sooner reach the Euphrates than England would tremble and be on her knees to the Continent. I am all ready in Dalmatia, and so is Your Majesty on the Danube. One month after we had concluded an agreement our armies could be on the Bosphorus. The shock would reverberate to India, and England would be conquered.

(To Caulaincourt.) You will find herewith a letter for the Emperor Alexander. I have no doubt that Tolstoi